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Applicants: Kammerer et al.

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For : SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR TREATING FEMALE URINARY  
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Dear Sir:

Your Petitioner, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, having a registered office at Route 22, Somerville, NJ, 08876, represents that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the subject matter disclosed in the above-captioned patent application, and that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to United States Patent Application Nos. 10/191,572 and 10/359,406, as evidenced by the attached copies of assignment documents recorded on 01/10/2002 and 05/14/200 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (reel 012297/frame 0094, and reel 013651/frame 0696, respectively).

Your Petitioner, Ethicon, Inc. hereby disclaims, under the provisions of 35 USC 253 and 37 CFR 1.321 and 3.73, the terminal part of any patent granted on application Serial No. 09/873,571 which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on United States Patent Application Nos. 10/191,572 and/or 10/359,406 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on application Serial No. 09/873,571 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title of said patent shall be the same as the legal title to any patent granted on United States Patent Application Nos. 10/191,572 and/or 10/359,406, this

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The Terminal Disclaimer fee of \$110.00 and any additional fees, which may be owed in connection with the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer, can be charged to Johnson & Johnson Deposit Account No. 10-0750/GYN-0090/MJS. Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Signed at New Brunswick, New Jersey this 8th day of May, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethicon, Inc.

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KAMMERER, GENE W.

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HOEPFFNER, HANS-JOCHEN

DOC DATE: 01/09/2002

## ASSIGNOR:

LUSCOMBE, BRIAN

DOC DATE: 01/09/2002

## ASSIGNEE:

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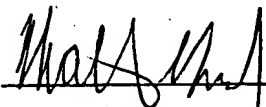
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WHEREAS, Gene W. Kammerer, Hans-Jochen Hoepffner and Brian Luscombe, residing at 14 Stephens Dr., East Brunswick, NJ 08816 USA; 41 Matthews Farm Road, Belle Mead, NJ 08502 USA; and 51 Vollers Dr., Branchburg, NJ 08876-3408 USA, respectively (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

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for which they have on the            day of            , 2001 executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee their entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above

described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 9 day of Jan, 2002

Gene W. Kammerer (L.S.)  
Gene W. Kammerer

STATE OF

) New Jersey  
) ss.

COUNTY OF

) SOMERSET

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 2002, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Gene W. Kammerer who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

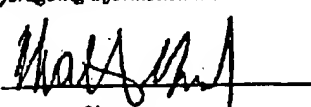
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ASSIGNOR:

LANDGREBE, SUSANNE

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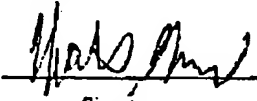
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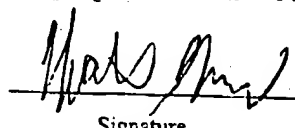
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for which he has on the            day of            , 2001 executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon GmbH, a corporation of Germany, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to him moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, and transferred, and does hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto said Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 29. day of August. 2001.

Susanne Landgrebe (L.S.)  
Susanne Landgrebe

STATE OF )  
COUNTY OF ) ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this            day of            200 , before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Susanne Landgrebe, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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I, Hans-Peter Schmidt, Notary Public in D-22846 Norderstedt, Rathausallee 31, Germany, hereby certify, that the signature on the second page is the true signature, subscribed in my presence of:

- Mrs. Susanne Landgrebe, residing at: Zuckerhut 3, D-23867 Sülfeld, Germany, who ist personally known to me.

Mrs. Landgrebe denied the question of the notary to § 3 I no. 7 of the German Certification Law – Beurkundungsgesetz (BeurkG) –.

The notary authenticated the signature at: Ethicon-Building, Robert-Koch-Straße 1, D-22851 Norderstedt, where the notary had gone on requests.

Norderstedt, the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2001

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for which he has on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2003 executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to him moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, and transferred, and does hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto said Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignor covenants and agrees with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title he warrants unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignor further covenants and agrees that he will, whenever requested, but without cost to him promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to him relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 15 day of April . 2003.

Gene W. Kammerer (L.S.)  
Gene W. Kammerer

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BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Gene W. Kammerer, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

**ROBERT J. TANNHAUSER**  
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